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SUBJECT: MFM WORKING GROUP ON TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES

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1. WE INFORMED GONZALEZ GALVEZ AUGUST 13 OF POINTS REFTEL (A) AND LEFT INFORMAL PAPER DRAWN FROM CABLE.
 2. IN REPLY OUR QUESTIONS, GONZALEZ GALVEZ SAID GOM POSITION WOULD NOT FORECLOSE POSSIBILITY OF ROUND TABLE SESSIONS AND THAT GOM POSITION WOULD BE FLEXIBLE. DESPITE THIS ASSURANCE, WE HAVE IMPRESSION GOM POSITION FIRMLY AGAINST TYPE OF ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS DESCRIBED IN EMBASSY AIDE MEMOIRE OF JUNE 26; IN FACT, GONZALEZ GALVEZ SAID HE THOUGHT U.S. SUGGESTED PROCEDURE WAS INAPPRPRIATE. HE SAID FURTHER THAT THE ONLY WORKING GROUP MEETING AT WHICH GOM DID NOT ENVISAGE DRAFTING OF PRINCIPLES WOULD BE THIS FIRST WASHINGTON MEETING CONCERNED WITH PROCEDURES.
 3. WHEN WE DRAW ON ARGUMENTS IN AIDE MEMOIRE TO EMPHASIZE ADVANTAGES OF EXCHANGES ON TRANSNATIONALS DISTINCT FROM DRAFTING EXERCISE, GONZALEZ GALVEZ SAID GOM CONSIDERED THAT WORK ALREADY DONE AS REFLECTED IN UN DOCUMENT E/5550 OF 24 MAY, ENTITLED "EFFECTS OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS ON PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT." ALL PARTICIPANTS IN WORKING
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GROUP COULD BE EXPECTED BE FULLY CONVERSANT WITH THIS

DOCUMENT. IT WOULD BE THE BASIS ON WHICH FURTHER WORK WOULD BE DONE.

4. GONZALEZ GALVEZ SAID THAT NO DELAY MUST BE INCURRED BECAUSE OF ANY ROUND TABLES. THE GOM MIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, FIND ACCEPTABLE SOME MEANS OF HAVING ROUND TABLES AND WORKING GROUP MEETINGS RUN CONCURRENTLY, PROVIDED THERE WAS NO DELAY.

5. IN REPLY TO OUR FURTHER QUESTION ABOUT HOW GOM SAW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ECHEVERRIA CHARTER AND MFM EXERCISE ON TRANSNATIONALS, GONZALEZ GALVEZ SAID HE BELIEVED MFM WORKING GROUP WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT REGIONAL NATURE OF TRANSNATIONALS. THIS EXERCISE AND SIMILAR EXERCISE IN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WOULD SERVE AS PILLARS UNDER CHARTER OVERALL ROOF.

6. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. AS CONCERNS REFTEL B, IN ADDITION TO LIC. MANTILLA AND LIC. PALACIOS MENTIONED IN MEXICO 6701, GOM DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE CARLOS RICO, A FOREIGN OFFICE TECHNICAL EXPERT ON TRANSNATIONALS, AND ROBERTO MENDEZ SILVA FROM MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT LIC. PALACIOS AND LIC. MANTILLA WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR WIVES. END UNCLASSIFIED. BRANDIN

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